

BAROSSA VALLEY

# SCHILD

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Schild Estate Wines are created with an authenticity and passion that comes from generations of a family who have made their home in the Southern Barossa.

## 2019 Edgar Schild Bush Vine Grenache

### The Vineyard

Planted in 1916 these Centenarian bush vines grow high on the Eastern hills overlooking Rowland Flat. The low-yielding, hardy vines grow untrellised and are constantly exposed to the elements. The premium grapes are hand-picked the way they have been for over a hundred years.

### The Vintage

The 2019 growing season commenced with a warmer than average winter and spring followed first by a couple of hot spells before near perfect conditions arrived later in the season as we closed in on harvest dates. This all resulted in some early harvest sugar accumulation in some blocks without necessarily the required flavour development in the grapes. A year when there was no substitute for winemakers spending significant time in the vineyards. With well managed canopies and moisture, flavour components caught up and while yields were low, the resulting quality was very good.

### Technical Notes

Hand harvested, berry and bunch sorted and in the case of the 2019 wholly destemmed. The wine is placed into either traditional open top fermenters or large format oak where the wine undergoes pre-fermentation cold soak before being gently pumped over or punched down by hand according to winemaker specifications so as to obtain optimal colour and retain complex fruit flavours. Additional post fermentation maceration usually occurs before the wine is then drained and pressed to barrel. Free run and pressings are usually kept separate and a combination of new and seasoned 600 litre puncheons are used for a maturation of 12 months. The wine is then prepared for bottling before seeing some further time in bottle prior to release.

### Tasting Notes

Dark ruby, clear & bright. Lifted aromas of mulberries, dark cherries and pulped raspberry flesh are supported by brief, fleeting glimpses of river stone and earthy spice. A sense of fineness and control hints at the age and quality of fruit. Flavours of dark bramble fruit and spice provide some early mouth filling texture. These persist and are seamlessly enveloped and supported as they travel through the mouth by a super fine tannin frame working around and with the fruit to ensure some genuine balance and controlled focus to the palate. Bright and tight in its youth.

### Cellaring

Drink now to 2029

### Accolades & Awards

94 POINTS - The Wine Front 2020

90 POINTS - Huon Hooke, The Real Review 2021

90 POINTS - Wine Spectator 2021



Varietal: 100% Grenache

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Kleemann Vineyard

Vines: Centenarian Bush Vines

Oak: New to Twice Aged French Oak Puncheons

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.61

Titrateable Acid: 5.9g/L

Food Paring: Veal Scaloppini or Peking Duck Pancakes

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine